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Malvern; (but address DENTON) October 2nd 1890

Dear Miss Mason

The truth is, as I said in my perforce hurried note, that the scheme of the P.R. fits so strangely into needs that I have longed to see supplied & never yet seen my way to help in supplying, that I wanted to wait till I could do more than merely send a few lines of acknowledgment. And even now I am so pressed and have so much to say that I feel an hour or two's conversation would be far more satisfactory in enabling me to to give you the best of such help as is possible to me. May I therefore ask you whether, as you are organising a "tour" it would be possible for you to come to us for a night or two even if a Grantham Meeting should be found impracticable this time? Then I could explain so much! And I could show you much material, and make it clear, I hope, that I can only be of use in an unusual sort of way. You know my only diploma as an "authority" on "education" consists in my never having been what we have hitherto been pleased to call that, at all! It seems to me that the crying need of the moment is that we should do our best to get "to the bottom" of things, and above all begin with the children, and try to grow out of this mania for "Societies" which is the artificial or mechanical form of the living Combination of social forces for which we should all work. But the very idea of writing for publication is painful to me; the responsibility of publishing anything on vital subjects in these of welcome but searching criticism, ^{and} enormous expansion of knowledge, ~~but also entire misconception~~, seems almost too heavy to bear. And it is so difficult if you have anything fresh to suggest, to avoid being credited with things read into even your plainest words, things which you would be the first to repudiate! But I am afraid I am driven to it now, and so must economise my small powers to the utmost. I have however already written bits which

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might perhaps be made useful to your Review, and if you came to us you could judge of this. It is certainly a curious thing, that with no suspicion that your Paper was actually doing it that I should have ^{been} mooted the plan of systematic observation of Babies at Leeds the other day; the Biologists and Anthropologists agreeing that here was an unworked but golden mine of help for them! And it could not fail to be that for educative purposes.

Can you let me see any Paper of questions proposed? Every town ought to have a centre for receiving filled-up Question- Papers. This is one of the cases in which endeavour to go to the root of the matter is imperative if we are to do any real good. In some directions increasingly diffused "culture" seems to involve actual loss of touch with nature, which can only be made up now by a truer view of things, by learning more of how things really are, and how disastrous is the growing tendency to be artificial.

But I must say no more, and hope you will excuse my writing as if I "knew" you, which indeed I feel that I do!

Exam mistakes re: I call not copy at
all with y. only with the invaluable Type-writer

Yours very truly
V. B. B.

I have ordered the Reviews to be regularly sent
from now & am showing numbers - Perhaps I might
have one or two old copies to send & find who
will take it in? Especially the one with the Baby
Paper & the Excellence in Reading aloud

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KING'S COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

My dear Miss Mason

I return the proof
corrected and am very sorry
that my handwriting is so bad.
All I can promise to do
is to employ a secretary when-
ever it is possible. I
received this morning from
a printer a touching account
of the loss* caused to
workmen by bad handwriting
when I had finished the article

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I thought it was very bad, but
it does not seem to me so
bad now that it is in proof.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Twain.

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Dec 27. 1890

**WIGHTWICK MANOR,
WOLVERHAMPTON.**

Dear Mr. Mason,

I am so sorry
to tell you that we
cannot now alter
the day from the
17th to the 10th
as there are a
great many en-
gagements on

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the 10th and my
husband could
not attend that
day -

We have had copies
of the "Review" for
distribution &
have given away
a great many.

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I see that Dr. Abbott
is giving an address
tomorrow at
Southampton
for the "P. H. & A."
a friend in town
has sent me a
card. Can you
give me as soon
as possible the
title of his address
so that it may
be printed on

the invitation
cards & advertised
shall you be the
only speaker?

With kind regards
I am

Very truly Yrs

Flora S. C. Maude

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WIGHTWICK MANOR,
WOLVERHAMPTON

Dear Miss Mason,

My husband
thinks it will be better
not to have a collection
any expenses con-
nected with this
meeting - printing
travelling &c. he will
gladly meet. The
collection would be
small, I expect -
We think of having
cards printed some

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WRIGHTWICK MANOR
WOLVERHAMPTON
thing like the enclosed
form if you approve
& sending them to all
whose names we
know and also ad-
vertising it in the
papers. We have a
friend in the town
who will work it
up in another di-
rection. Mr. Mander
is very anxious that
The Elementary School

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teachers should attend
proposes to invite
them too.

Will you suggest any
alteration in this form
of invitation if it oc-
curs to you - are you
correctly described or
shall we add - "Editor
of the Parents' Review"
perhaps you have a
better form altogether
if so, let us have it
the enclosed is only
for criticism -
What is Mrs. Cecil Lane's
full address. I will
write & ask her to

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Lunch on Monday
sister will stay for
the meeting, put
her up for the
night with pleasure.
With each invitation
we will send out one
of the prospectuses
for wh. I have written
Miss Sharland.
Do not hesitate to
suggest anything
you like -

Believe me
With kindest regards

Sincerely yours
Flora L. Mauder -
Please let me have yr. opinions by Saturday.

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THOS. B. BRYAN, VICE-PRESIDENT.

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KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT.

Dear Miss Mason -

One word more - in a more
personal fashion - Will not
some member of the P.M.E.U.
be with us (if you are not here)
and aid in making this a
truly International meeting.

Yours &c
A. B. P.

Please address

Mrs. A. B. Putnam

4815 Kenwood Ave - Chicago

My dear Miss Mason. ^{212 p p n e u 16}

This has been returned
to me from London, and I
fear it was sent to the
wrong address. Altho' it
is late for us to ask this
favor, will you not kindly
consent to write the paper -
and send it, if you cannot
be met us?

Yours truly

Allice D. Putnam

4815 Newwood Ave

Chicago Ill.

Dear Miss Mason,

This will interest

you -

I am so terribly occupied I
never seem to have time to write or I
should try & send you something.

I am not forgetting L'pool &
looking for you indirectly. Canon
Blundell will support us heartily
& I hope from our Mr. Stubbs on
Wed. next. I fear I must not

make any promises to speak
as I am already doing as much
as my husband will like -

You do not say how the Pragerie
progresses financially - I am
anxious.

Yr. truly
M. Carpenter

House has yet been made
of the mother's eye.

Have seen a Parents'
Review & tried to persuade
my daughter-in-law to take it!

I saw one admiring Heriot's
recommendation: to teach
children, as Nature taught
my Humanity, first sentence,
then word, then letter.

As usual, when hitherto
reversed the order

Yours truly
V. B. B.